

Project: Utah Transit Authority Draper Light Rail

Recipient: Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Purpose: The Draper Light Rail line is a 3.71 mile, three-station extension of the existing North/South TRAX Light Rail line from the current end-of-line at Sandy Civic Center (10000 South) to Pioneer Road (12400 South) in Draper City. Funds will be used for final design, property acquisition, procurement, construction and to reimburse UTA for the Federal Share of the project costs already spent. The project is part of the regional comprehensive long-range transportation plan and is included in Phase I of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Commuters between the Salt Lake and Utah valleys will benefit from the additional transportation option this line will provide because congestion on highways and surface streets will be mitigated.

In addition to the requested funds, we request the following report language:

“FTA is strongly encouraged to expedite executing a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Draper project before the completion of the Mid-Jordan project.” The rationale is an agreement between UTA and the Draper design/build contractor to begin design/build work on the Draper project when the Mid-Jordan design/build project is completed in 2010. This seamless transition will save \$20 million by reducing financing and remobilization cost and will avoid laying off 1,900 workers from the Mid-Jordan project.”

Amount: \$80,000,000